THE THREE CHAIRS.

They sat alone by the bright wood fire, The gray haired dame and aged sire,
Dreaming of days gone by;
The tear-drops fell on each wrinkled check,
They both had thoughts they could not speak, And each heart uttered a sigh-

For their sad and tourful eye descried Three little chairs placed side by side Against the sittin. -room wall;
Old fashioned enough as there they stood,
Their seats of flag and their frames of wood,
With their backs so straight and tall.

Then the sire shook his silvery head, And with trembling voice he gently said:
"Mother, these empty chairs! They bring us such sad, sad thoughts to-night We'll put them forever out of sight In the small dark room up stairs."

But she answered: "Father, not yet; For I look at them and I forget That the children were away.

The boys come back, and our Mary, too,
With her apron on, of checkered blue,
And sit here every day.

"Johnny comes back from the billows deep, Willie wakes from his battle field sleep,
T say good night to do;
Mary's a wife and a mother no more,
But a tired child whose play-time is o'er, And comes to rest at my knee.

"So let them stand there though empty now, And every time when alone we bow At the Father's throne to pray, We'll ask to meet the children above, In our Saviour's home of rest and love,

Where no child goeth away.' - Life is half spent before we know

what it is.

- He who sends the storm steers the

- No man has a right to do as he pleases except when he pleases to do right.

- Transported for life-the man who marries happily. - Why is a young lady before mar-

riage never right? Because she is all

is sure of it.

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think, the heart to feel, and the body to Robert Stiles, Esq...... -Alluding to chignons, Mrs. Clever

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- 1 physician said of a quack that "he was such an ignoramus that, if he could take a lantern and go down inside his patient, he couldn't find out what the

matter was." -Life is a book of which we have but one edition. Let each day's actions, as they add their pages to the inde structible volume, be such as we shall be

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as he was blown clear out of the coun-- A philosopher who had studied out almost everything, says he is satis-

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